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CAPITOL HILL

Dear Friend,

Welcome to our nation's Capitol!

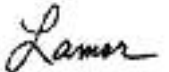
Enclosed you will find information on numerous sights, as well as maps to help you have an enjoyable stay in Washington, D.C. Many of these activities are free of charge. I hope you will find this information useful as you plan your trip.

Also, if you're in town while the House and Senate are in session, I hope you will be able to attend my weekly Meet and Greet. See the "Capitol Hill" page for more details.

I welcome you to stop by my office and take a look around. My staff and I will be happy to visit with you and answer any questions you may have about Washington, D.C.

I look forward to your visit!

Sincerely,


Lamar Smith



The United States Capitol Building

East end of the mall. The world's most famous building representing democracy sits overlooking the Mall. Come see where our Founding Fathers debated the issues that built our country and where our current leaders continue to shape the powerful nation that it has become today. The newly opened Capitol Visitor Center enhances this memorable experience. Open to the public 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Saturday. Tickets required. 202-226-8000. www.visitthecapitol.gov
Metro: ● ● Capitol South

Meet and Greet

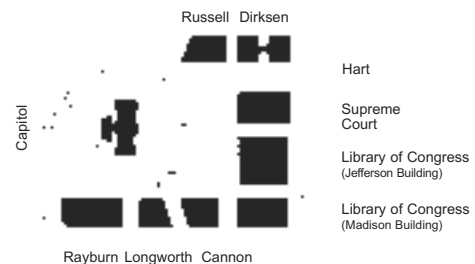
Every week I spend time with constituents who are visiting Washington, D.C. The Meet and Greet takes place at 3:00 PM on Wednesday afternoons. Space is limited. So if you would like to attend, please call my office in advance at (202) 225-4236.
Metro: ● ● Capitol South

United States Supreme Court

First Street and East Capitol, NE. Open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Visitor's center includes exhibits, video presentation, a gift shop and snack bar. Public lectures are available every hour on the half hour from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. These lectures are available when the Court is not in session. No reservations required. www.supremecourtus.gov
Metro: ● ● Capitol South

Library of Congress

Independence Avenue and First Street, SE. The Jefferson Building was built in 1897 and is the oldest building of the Library of Congress. Free tours at 10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30, Monday - Friday. www.loc.gov/visit
Metro: ● ● Capitol South



NATIONAL MALL

Washington Monument

15th Street, NW. Dedicated to the first President of the United States, this monument is the tallest masonry structure in the world. Reserve tickets online at www.recreation.gov, or by calling 1.877.444.6777. Tickets are \$1.50 and there is a \$2.00 service charge for each set of tickets you reserve. Free tickets are handed out on a first come first serve basis at 15th and Madison Avenue NW. Tours are from 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. www.nps.gov/wamo
Metro: ● ● Smithsonian

Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Henry Bacon Drive and Constitution Avenue, NW.
Constructed of black granite to honor the American's who served in the Vietnam War. Open 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. www.nps.gov/vive
Metro: ● ● Foggy Bottom - GWU

Lincoln Memorial

West end of the Mall at 23rd Street. The 19 foot tall statue of Lincoln is surrounded by depictions of his life and the text of the Gettysburg Address. Open 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. www.nps.gov/linc
Metro: ● ● Foggy Bottom - GWU

Korean War Memorial

Adjacent to the Lincoln Memorial. A life-size replica of soldiers dedicated in remembrance to those who fought in the Korean War. Open 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. www.nps.gov/kwvm
Metro: ● ● Foggy Bottom - GWU

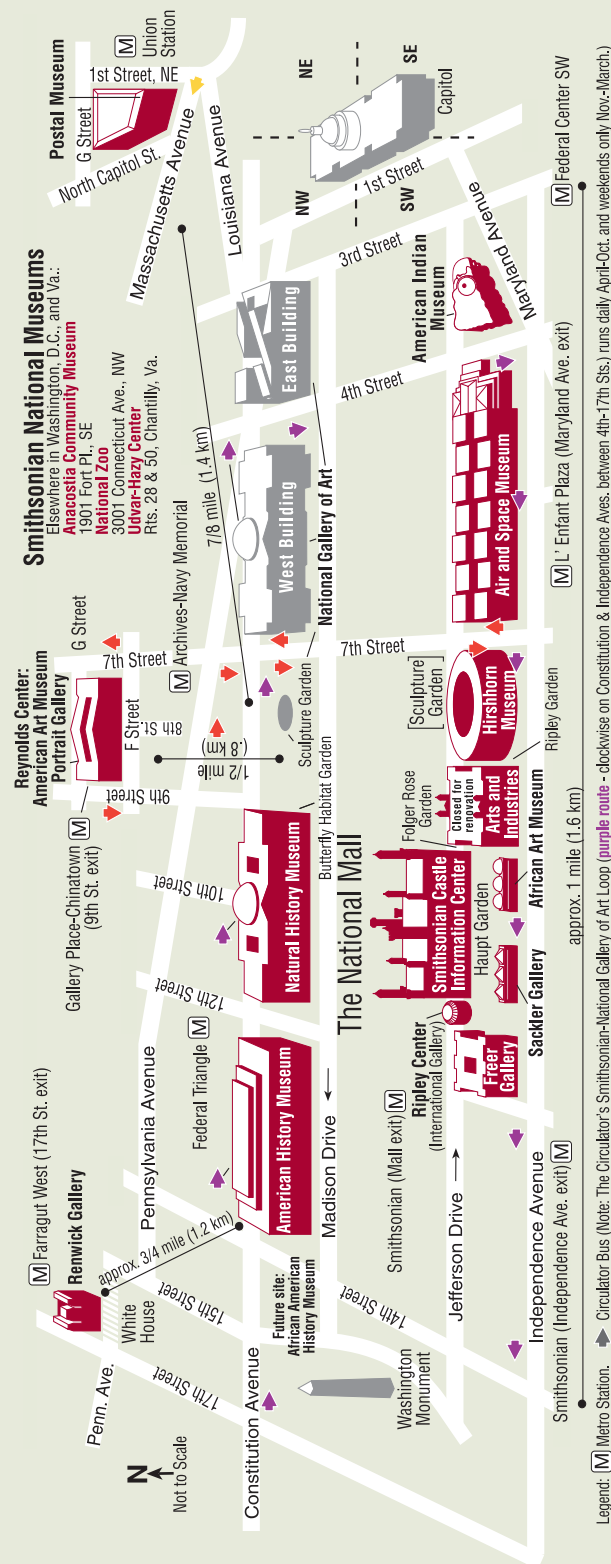
WEST POTOMAC PARK

FDR Memorial

West Potomac Park, between the Tidal Basin and the Potomac River; at West Basin and Ohio drives. Walk through the outdoor galleries for each of FDR's four terms in office. Open 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. www.nps.gov/frde

Jefferson Memorial

South Bank of the Tidal Basin, West Potomac Park. The sculpted bronze statue of Jefferson stands in the center of the colonnaded structure, which was dedicated on the 200th anniversary of Jefferson's birth. Open 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. www.nps.gov/thje



SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION MUSEUMS

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery
1050 Independence Avenue.

Arts and Industry Building
900 Jefferson Drive, SW.

Freer Gallery of Art
Jefferson Drive at 12th Street, SW.

Hirshorn Museum and Sculpture Garden
Independence Avenue and 7th Street, SW.

National Air and Space Museum
Independence Avenue and 6th Street, SW.

National Museum of American Art
8th Street and G Street, NW.

National Museum of American History
14th and Constitution Avenue, NW.

National Museum of Natural History
10th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW.

National Museum of African Art
318 A Street, NE.

National Portrait Gallery
8th and F Streets, NW.

Renwick Gallery
Pennsylvania Avenue and 17th Street, NW.

Metro: ● ● Smithsonian

Admission is free. All museums open daily, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Extended hours for spring and summer for some museums.

24-hour recorded information at (202) 633-1000.

www.si.edu

MUSEUMS

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW. One of the most emotionally powerful museums in the city. Admission is free. The museum is open Monday through Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call (202) 488-0400. www.ushmm.org
Metro: ● ● Smithsonian

Corcoran Gallery of Art

17th Street and New York Avenue, NW. The Corcoran Gallery is open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10am- 5pm and Thursday 10am-9pm. Admission is \$10.00 for adults, \$8.00 for Seniors, Military, and Students, and free for children under six years old. Washington's oldest and largest gallery showing American Art collections and European works. Call (202) 639-1700. www.corcoran.org
Metro: ● ● Farragut West

Newseum

555 Pennsylvania Ave NW. A 250,000-square-foot museum of news offering visitors an experience that blends five centuries of news history with up-to-the-second technology and hands-on exhibits. Open from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission is \$20.00 for adults, \$18 for seniors, and \$13 for students. Call 888-639-7386. www.newseum.org
Metro: ● ● Archives-Navy Memorial

National Museum of Woman in the Arts

1250 New York Avenue, NW. Spotlights artistic endeavors and contributions by woman. Open Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday noon - 5 p.m. Admission is \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for seniors. Call (202) 783 - 5000. www.nmwa.org
Metro: ● ● ● Metro Center

Old Post Office Museum

1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Come and learn about a historic landmark. Be sure to visit the observation tower for a wonderful view of the city. The Old Post Office is open Monday to Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Call (202) 289-4224. www.oldpostofficedc.com
Metro: ● ● Federal Triangle

FAMOUS HOMES

White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Please visit <http://lamarsmith.house.gov> to schedule a tour. More information is available at www.whitehouse.gov

Mount Vernon

George Washington Parkway, Mount Vernon, VA. 16 miles from Downtown Washington. President Washington's 18th Century home. Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. everyday. During the summer months (April to August) open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. During the winter months (November to February) Mount Vernon will be open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. For adults the charge is \$15.00, \$14.00 for seniors and \$7.00 for children age 6-11. Children under the age of 5 are admitted free. Call (703) 780-2000. www.mountvernon.org

Arlington House/Robert E. Lee Memorial

Arlington National Cemetery. 200 acres from the Lee family property was taken during the Civil War for a cemetery to accommodate gravesites for war casualties. See the changing of the guard at The Tomb Of The Unknown Soldier. Arlington House and the Robert E Lee Museum are open all year from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Arlington House Grounds are open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. between April 1 and September 30, and from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. between October 1 and March 31. There is a tour every ten minutes for 25 people. www.nps.gov/arho
Metro: ● ● Arlington Cemetery

Peterson House

10th Street between E and F Streets, NW. "The House Where Lincoln Died" is the home where President Lincoln was taken after being fatally shot at Ford's Theatre. Open daily, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. www.nps.gov/foth
Metro: ● ● Metro Center

Cedar Hill

1411 W Street, SE. Home of nationally acclaimed orator and champion of the oppressed, Frederick Douglass. He was a defender of the poor and advocate for women's rights, world peace and the abolition of slavery. Cedar Hill is open seven days a week, April 16 through October 15: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and October 16 through April 15: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The fee is \$5.00 per person. Groups of eleven or more need to make reservations at (877) 444-6777. Take I-295 south to Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, turn left on W street, 3 blocks. Call (202) 426-5961. www.nps.gov/FRDO

HISTORIC AREAS

GEORGETOWN

Georgetown is over 300 years old, making it the oldest neighborhood in Washington. Once a busy tobacco port, it is where George Washington planned our nation's capitol. Francis Scott Key, who wrote "The Star Spangled Banner," lived and practiced law here. As a Senator, John F. Kennedy lived here as well. The closest metro stop is Foggy Bottom, a 5 - 10 block walk.

C&O Canal

This canal, which stretches from Georgetown to Cumberland, Maryland, was built to link the resources from rural areas to the cities of the East. Coal, grain and lumber were transported into Georgetown by mule-drawn barges until 1924.

Georgetown University

Founded in 1789 by John Carroll and the Society of Jesuits, a worldwide order of Catholic priests. George Washington visited the oldest surviving building on the campus, Old North. Built in 1795, the building housed his grandnephews, Augustine and Bushrod. Today Georgetown University is the oldest Catholic university in the United States, ranking among the most distinguished educational institutions in the nation.

Embassy Row

Massachusetts Avenue between Dupont Circle and Observatory Circle, north of Georgetown. Mansions of wealthy Washington socialites before the 1930s, these edifices now house many embassies and chanceries.

OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA

Scottish tobacco merchants founded Alexandria in 1749. Old Town originally was a part of DC until 1846 when it became part of Virginia. In the 1980's Old Town re-cobble stoned the streets, rebricked the sidewalks, installed gardens and patios and restored over 1,000 historic facades. A wonderful place to shop, dine and enjoy Virginia's famous hospitality. From the King Street Metro Stop walk East on King Street.

Christ Church

118 N. Washington Street, at Cameron Street. This redbrick Colonial building with a domed steeple and quiet, shady cemetery was the place of worship for George Washington and Robert E. Lee. Open Monday - Friday 9a.m. - 4p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. - noon, and 2 p.m. - 4:40 p.m. Guided tours are free. www.historichristchurch.org

Carlyle House

121 North Fairfax Street. The home of Scottish merchant John Carlyle showcases Alexandria's rich history. The house is patterned after 18th century Scottish and northern English homes. Open Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sunday noon - 4:00 p.m. Tours given every half hour. Admission is \$4.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children ages 11-17, and free for children under 11. www.nvrpa.org/parks/carlylehouse

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

Bureau of Engraving and Printing

14th and C Streets, SW. Tours include a demonstration of how U.S. currency is printed. Tickets required. For tours, call the reservation line at (202) 874-2330. www.bep.treas.gov
Metro: ● ● Smithsonian

Ford's Theater

10th Street between E and F Streets, NW. Where President Lincoln was shot in 1865. As Ford's Theater still holds occasional performances, call 202-638-2367 for hours of operation.
www.nps.gov/foth
Metro: ● ● ● Metro Center

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

Public tours of the Kennedy Center are conducted by Friends of the Kennedy Center Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday - Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Visitors should go to the Tour Desk in Motor Lobby A, where tours leave approximately every 15 minutes and last about an hour. (202) 467-4600 or (800) 444-1324.
www.kennedy-center.org
Metro: ● ● Foggy Bottom - GWU

Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

5th and E Streets, NW. A powerful memorial of marble walls that list the more than 13,500 officers who lost their lives while on duty since 1794. Open daily, 24 hours.
Metro: ● Judiciary Square

National Aquarium

U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW. Oldest public aquarium in the U.S. Open daily, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission: \$7.00 adult, \$6.00 for seniors, \$3.00 children ages 2-10. Call (202) 482-2825. www.nationalaquarium.com
Metro: ● ● Federal Triangle

National Archives

8th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW. Home of the original Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Open Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Call (202) 357-5000.
www.archives.gov/dc-metro/washington
Metro: ● ● Archives-Navy Memorial

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

National Geographic-Explorers Hall

17th and M Streets, NW. Changing exhibits highlight exploration and research. Open Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call (202) 857-7588.
Metro: ● Farragut North

National Zoo

3000 Connecticut Avenue, NW. Home of a Chinese Giant Panda and more than 3000 other animals. Call for exhibit and building openings and hours. Admission is free. Call (202) 673-4893. nationalzoo.si.edu
Metro: ● Woodley Park - Zoo

U.S. Botanical Garden

First Street and Maryland Avenue, SW. Open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Near the U.S. Capitol, this glass building is the oldest botanical garden in America. Features both native and exotic flora. Call (202) 225-8333. www.usbg.gov
Metro: ● ● Federal Center SW

U.S. Naval Observatory

34th Street and Massachusetts Avenue. For tour information, go to the Naval Observatory website. Tours include presentations about the Master Atomic Clock, observations through telescopes and discussions with staff astronomers. Groups of 15 or more should call for reservations. Call (202) 762-1069. www.usno.navy.mil/USNO

Washington National Cathedral

Intersection of Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues, NW. Every President since Theodore Roosevelt has come to the Washington National Cathedral. Helen Keller and Woodrow Wilson are buried here and Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his last Sunday sermon from the Canterbury pulpit. Also, look for the piece of moon rock embedded in one of the stain glass windows. Visit their website or call for an updated tour and event schedule. Gardens are open everyday until dusk. Guided tours are available except during services. Call (202) 537-6200. www.nationalcathedral.org

HELPFUL HINTS



Call our Washington Office well in advance for help in planning your trip to Washington, D.C. Passes to the Capitol Gallery are limited and given out on a first-come, first-serve basis. Some attractions are booked months in advance.



Try to be realistic about what you can see and do on a short trip. Purchase a good guidebook and Washington, D.C. street map. Read ahead of time about places you plan on visiting.



Due to the events of 9/11 some buildings and attractions in Washington are no longer giving tours or have scaled back their tour schedules. It is always a good idea to call ahead to each place you plan on visiting so you can get the latest scoop on what is going on.



While walking around D.C., pack a small bag with snacks, water, juice, hand wipes, notebook, pen, camera, extra film, raincoats and umbrellas that easily fold up.



During the summer months plan on numerous water breaks, as D.C. can get very hot and humid.



Carry plenty of loose change and small monetary bills for Metro fares, snacks, drinks and phone calls.



Take advantage of the MANY free concerts, lectures and activities that D.C. has going on all year round. A wonderful place to get updated information is through the Washington Post's website at www.washingtonpost.com.



As in any city in America, be aware of your surroundings and safety. Travel only in well-lit areas after dark. Carry your purse close to your body and your wallet in a front pocket. If possible, carry a fanny-pack or backpack instead.



The District has limited parking and you will have to pay a great deal of money to park your car in a garage or lot. There is some street parking, but you can only park for up to 2 hours. It is much easier to use D.C.'s cheap, clean and safe public transportation system than to drive, especially when traveling downtown.



Please do not hesitate to contact my office if I can be of any further assistance, or if any unforeseen problems arise on your trip.

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Legend

- Red Line • Glenmont to Shady Grove
- Orange Line • New Carrollton to Vienna/Fairfax-GMU
- Blue Line • Franconia-Springfield to Largo Town Center
- Green Line • Branch Avenue to Greenbelt
- Yellow Line • Huntington to Fort Totten



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- No Eating or Drinking
- No Animals (except service animals)
- No Audio (without earphones)
- No Litter or Spitting
- No Dangerous or Flammable Items